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Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires no fee and no certification.

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This information disclosure statement is filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

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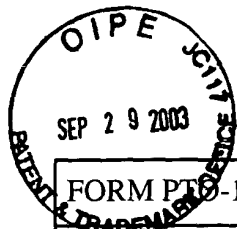
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